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THE STRONGEST CREATURE TO WALK THE EARTH!

THE INCREDIBLE HULK



VICTIM OF GAMMA RADIATION
BRUCE BANNER NOW FINDS
HIMSELF TRANSFORMED IN TIMES
OF STRESS INTO THE MOST POWERFUL
CREATURE EVER TO WALK THE
EARTH!

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ON A LOVELY ROAD THROUGH THE
SWAMPLANDS OF AMERICA
A TRUCK GRINDS TO A HALT
BEFORE A MILITARY ROAD-
BLOCK...



WHAT'S
ALL THIS
ABOUT,
SERGEANT?

HOLD
IT THERE...
WHOOA...



SOME NUT ON THE
RUN FROM A GOVERNMENT
RESEARCH STATION
THEY SAY HE'S VIOLENT!

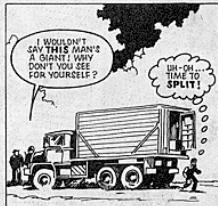


PICKED UP
A HITCH-
HIKER FEW
MILES BACK...
HE'S SLEEPING
IN THE TRUCK.

AND IN THE BACK OF THE TRUCK,
BRUCE BANNER AWAKENS
TO HEAR...



OUR MAN'S A
BIG GUY... SOME
SAY A GIANT!
I BEEN WRECKING
PLACES!



I WOULDN'T
SAY THIS MAN'S
A GIANT! WHY
DON'T YOU SEE
FOR YOURSELF?

UH-OH...
TIME TO
SPLIT!



HEY, YOU!
STOP!



GET AFTER HIM,
HE MAY NOT BE
OUR MAN, BUT
HE'S UP TO
SOMETHIN'!

RIGHT,
SERGEANT!



I CAN'T LET THEM
TAKE ME... THERE'LL
BE INVESTIGATIONS...
QUESTIONS ASKED...



NEXT
MOMENT...

AAAGH!



RAWF!

ROWF!

NO!

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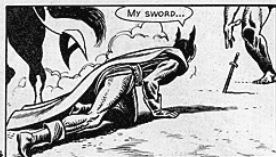


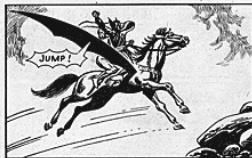
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ON A MYSTERIOUS QUEST IN CORNWALL, MERLYN'S CHAMPION...

THE BLACK KNIGHT

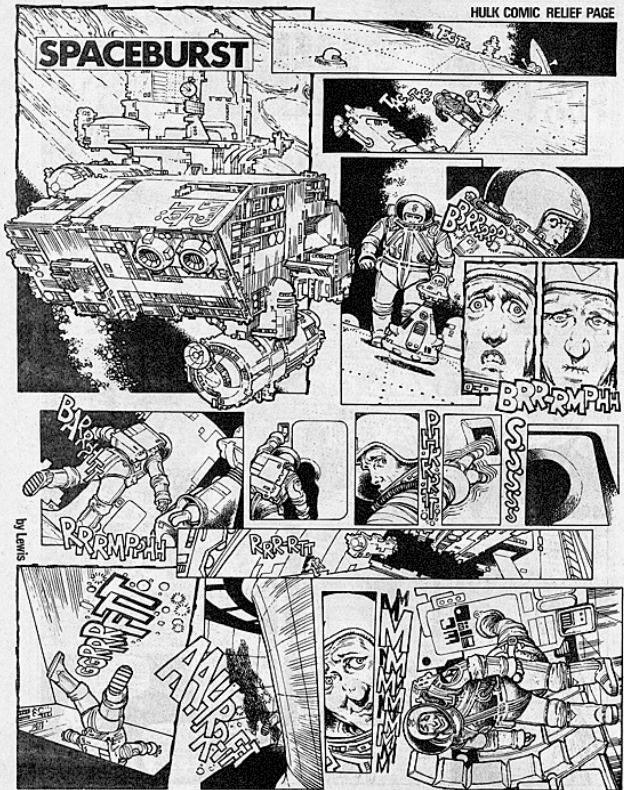






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SPACEBURST



FURY AND HIS AGENTS — TRAPPED BY THE SEPT!

NICK
FURY

Agent
of

SHIELD



THE SOUTH AMERICAN REPUBLIC OF SAN MIGUEL HAS BEEN TAKEN OVER BY AN ORGANIZATION OF SUPER-SOLDIERS UNDER THE COMMAND OF SENOR GARCIA UVAHILLA. AS NICK FURY AND A TASK-FORCE OF SHIELD AGENTS ENTER THE CAPITAL, RIO VILLA, IN DISGUISE, THEY ARE PINNED UP ALMOST INSTANTLY BY A KISSING HUNTER SQUAD...



EVEN SO, THE MERCILESS SURPRISE ATTACK TAKES ITS TOLL...



AND AS THE SHIELD AGENTS RETURN FIRE, THEIR LASER-WEAPONS SLICING THROUGH THE FRAIL GLIDERS...



AND, IN THE BREATHING SPACE THAT FOLLOWS...



AND AS FURY AND HIS AGENTS GAZE SOME AND THE COUNTIES VALENTINA LEAD THE GROUP IN A RUNNING FIGHT...



WE'RE OKAY NOW... MAYBE WE CAN FIND SOMEWHERE TO HIDE UP DOWN HERE...



WE'LL NEED MORE THAN THAT... WHICH EVER ONE OF YOU'S GOT THE RADIO... GET ONTO DUGAN...



PRIORITY A-1 TASK FORCE TO HELI-CARRIER... AAAAAAGH!



THEY FOUND US AGAIN... ALMOST LIKE THEY KNEW EXACTLY WHERE WE WERE!



MEANWHILE, BACK ON SHIELD'S FLYING HEADQUARTERS... A HELICARRIER HOVERING OVER THE NORTH-EASTERN UNITED STATES...



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BUT THERE WE MUST LEAVE DUM DUM DUGAN
...AND RETURN TO THE STREETS OF RIO VILLA...

KEEP YOUR HEADS DOWN...
I'VE GOT A MICRO-GRENADE
HERE THAT'LL TAKE CARE
OF OUR FRIENDS!

HEY! WHAT'S
THAT DISC ON
YOUR

THERE... NOW,
WHAT DID YOU
SAY, GABRIEL?

ON YOUR PUNCH...

NO TIME
FOR THAT
NOW, GABE!

WHAT IS IT
NICK? SOME
KIND OF
BUTTON?

BUTTON, MY EYE!
OUR BLAMED CLOTHES
ARE BUGGED!

WHOEVER SHOT OUR
AGENTS MUST HAVE
KNOWN WE'D BE COMING
... THAT'S HOW THEY'VE
HAD US TAGGED FROM
THE START!

AND, AS THE SHIELD TASK-FORCE STRIP OFF THEIR DISGUISES...

THESE SOLDIERS,
NICK... THEY'RE ALL
WEARING STARS
WITH SEVENS IN
THEM...

YEAH, JUST LIKE THE SEVEN STARS
IN THE ATTACK ON THE HELICARRIER...
THERE'S GOT TO BE A CONNECTION...
BUT WE STILL
DON'T KNOW
WHO THESE
GUYS ARE...

BUT, IN THE PRESIDENTIAL PALACE, SOMEONE IS FINDING OUT...

SEÑOR JOUANILLA
WHAT HAPPENED?
HAVE I BEEN ASLEEP?

SOAT OF
GOMEZ... YOU CAN
CALL ME 'EL
PRESIDENTE' NOW.
BY THE WAY...

WHAT?
BUT I'M
THE PRES...

SEE HULK No. 1.

NOT ANY MORE, GOMEZ...
YOU RESIGNED IN MY FAVOUR!
ALL LEGAL... WE'VE NOTIFIED
THE VARIOUS GOVERNMENTS
AND EMBASSIES... THE
UNITED NATIONS...

TAKE THE LITTLE
RUNT AWAY AND
LOCK HIM UP...

GROUND-
TRACKING
STATION: OUR
TARGETS HAVE
STOPPED MOVING
... LOOKS LIKE
THEY'VE GONE
TO GROUND!

GET
ANOTHER
SQUAD
THERE!

BUT...
I WAS
DRUGGED!

A MERE DETAIL
GOMEZ! WHO'LL
BELIEVE YOU?

BUT, MINUTES LATER...

THEY MUST HAVE
RECOGNIZED OUR TRACERS,
HIGH LEADER! THEY'VE
DISCARDED THE CLOTHING!

FIND THEM!
DESTROY EVERY
BUILDING IN THE
CITY IF YOU HAVE
TO! BUT FIND
THEM...

AND SOON...

EVERYONE'S RUNNING
IN PANIC, NICK! WHAT
DOES IT MEAN?

IT MEANS THOSE
TRIGGER-HAPPY GOONS ARE
LOOKING FOR US, VAL! AND
THEY'RE RAZING EVERYTHING
IN THEIR PATH...

AND THE CITIZENS FLEE TO
THEIR ONE LAST HOPE...

YOU'RE MUST
HELP US, PADRE!
THEY'RE WORSE
THAN THE
GUERRILLAS!

THEY'RE
ANIMALS!
DESTROYING
OUR HOME...
KILLING
PEOPLE!



NEXT WEEK: FURY MOVES INTO THE ENEMY'S DEN!

PREPARE YOURSELVES FOR SUSPENSE, FOR WONDER...

WHEN GODS WALK THE EARTH! THE ETERNALS



WE'VE
FOUND IT--
THE TOMBS
OF THE
SPACE
GODS!

AND THEY'RE
NOT DEAD! LOOK
TO THE STARS!

THE GODS ARE
COMING BACK!

DR. DAMIAN, HIS DAUGHTER AMIGO, AND
THEIR GUIDE, IKE HARRIS, HAVE
DISCOVERED A FANTASTIC UNDERGROUND
TOMB BENEATH THE RUINS, WHICH HOLDS
PROOF OF ALIEN VISITORS! BUT THEIR
GUIDE IS NOT ALL HE APPEARS TO BE...

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IKE HARRIS SEEMS TO PROTECT THE
SLANT POWER OF THE GOD CHAMBER
ITSELF! BOTH AMIGO AND HIS FATHER
REALIZE THAT HE'S SOMEHOW A PART
OF THE AWESOME TRUTHS UNFOLDING
HERE...

SPACE US,
NOTHING!
WE'VE GOT
TO KNOW.

BEGIN WITH
YOUR NAME...
IT'S NOT
IKE HARRIS--
IS IT?

NOT
EXACTLY!

HOWEVER, IF YOU RUN BOTH WORDS
TOGETHER, YOU GET *EXARUS*!!
I AM NOT ONE OF YOUR SPECIES.
YET, WE ARE RELATED IN MANY
WAYS...





"IT ALL BEGAN WITH THE COMING OF THE GODS TO EARTH WHEN IT WAS POPULATED ONLY BY THE BEASTS OF THE FIELD! STILL, IT WAS THE PRESENCE OF LIFE WHICH DREW THEIR COSMIC BEINGS TO THIS PLANET. THEIR HUGE SPACE-VEHICLES SURVIVED THE LAND-- AND DESCENDED ..."



"IT WAS THEN THAT THE GODS PROCEEDED WITH THEIR MISSION...THEY CHOSE TO CHANGE THE DESTINY OF A LIFE-FORM NEAR TO THE EVOLUTIONARY CHAIN--THE APE! A SPECIMEN WAS TRAPPED AND TAKEN ALIVE."



"ONLY THE INSTRUMENTS OF THE GODS COULD DO WHAT WAS DONE IN THAT FEMININE HOUR! TO THE APE WAS GIVEN THE COSMIC CHEMISTRY THAT WOULD FATHER THE RACES TO COME!"

"IN THIS MANNER, THE DAWN APE BECAME THE COMMON ANCESTOR OF THREE POWERFUL NEW SPECIES ..."

"THE DEVIANT!"
AN EVER-CHANGING AND EVOLUTIVE FAILURE.



STRUCTURALLY UNSTABLE, EACH NEW GENERATION OF DEVIANT APPEARED IN NEW AND MONSTROUS WAYS. HIS LOT WAS CONSTANT WAR.

"THE HUMAN!"
THIS SPECIES BREED WITH TRUE BALANCE OF STRUCTURE AND DISPOSITION. ALTHOUGH HE WAS A DESTROYER, THE HUMAN WAS CAPABLE OF BUILDING FOR PEACE.



THIS KIND WAS DESTINED TO INHERIT THE EARTH. HE BELONGED TO IT.

"THE ETERNAL!"
HE WAS MORE A CHILD OF THE GODS THAN OF EARTH... HE REACHED FOR THE UNIVERSE!



THE ETERNALS BREED FEW IN NUMBER AND WEAR MANING TO TIME AND DEATH! LIKE THE GODS, THEY LIVED APART FROM ALL OTHER LIVING BEINGS.



"LIKE THE VOLATILE, ENERGETIC CREATURES THEY WERE THE DEVIANTS TOOK TO THE EARTH'S INNER DEPTHS, WHERE THEY TOILED CEASELESSLY AT CREATING NEW 'NEURONS'. THE MOTIVATION WAS FILLED WITH THE TERRORS INSPIRED BY CLASHES WITH DEVIANTS!"



THE ETERNALS TOOK TO THE HIGHEST MOUNTAIN TOPS. THEY PROBED THE UNIVERSE WITH THEIR MINDS AND DEVELOPED POWERS WHICH SURPASSED THOSE OF ALL OTHER EARTH-LIFE. THEY WERE OBSERVED WITH AWE AND FEAR.



"AS FOR THE HUMAN, HE COLLIDED WITH NATURE, THE BEAST AND HIS FELLOW MAN. HE SUBJUGATED THE EARTH AND MADE IT HIS HOME. ALTHOUGH HE STILL FEARS FOR REACE, HE LIVES WITH DANGERS THAT WOULD DESTROY ALL HE HAS CREATED."

POETRY PARIAN AND HIS DAUGHTER ARE TRANSDUCED BY THE IMPACT OF JAKUS' WORDS...

THAT IS WHAT THE SPACE-GODS INTEND DURING THEIR VISIT TO EARTH.



SO, THEY CAME BACK ONCE MORE -- DURING THE REIGN OF THE INCAS--

THAT WAS ONE OF MANY VISITS... THE GODS HAVE MANY THERE--ON THE REFLECTOR SCREEN!

PERHAPS TO CHECK OUT THE RESULTS OF THEIR EXPERIMENTS!



THE SHIP OF THE GODS -- LEAPING LIGHT YEARS IN SECONDS! IT'S ON ITS WAY TO EARTH! THE BEACON SHALL GUIDE THEM! I KNOW, I CAN FIND IT NOW!



THE TENUOUS MOUNTAINS AS THE THIR APPROACHES... IN A WATER CHANNEL BENEATH THE ANDIES, THE DEVIANT WAS CRAFT PLUNGES ONWARD...

FASTER! FASTER! WE SHOULD HAVE SIGHTED THE INCA CHANGAGE BY NOW!

WE SHALL REACH IT IN A MOMENT, GIRL



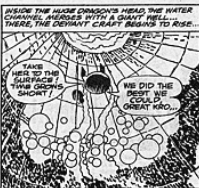
SOMEHOW, IN THE HEART OF THE BRONZED DEVIANT KRO, A SWELLING KNOT OF DOUBT IS DANGEROUSLY CLOSE TO BURSTING INTO FEAR. IS IT POSSIBLE THAT HE MAY BE TOO LATE?

THEY CAN'T DO IT! THE ETERNALS -- FOR ALL THEIR GREAT MIND-POWERS -- HAVE FAILED TO FIND THE BEACON!

BUT, SUPPOSE THEY TRAINED ONE OF THEIR KIND -- SHARPENED HIS SENSES TENFOLD FOR THE TASK -- WHY HE COULD--



SLIDINGLY, A GIANT STONE HEAD LOOKS INTO VIEW. WE'VE REACHED THE INCA DEVIANT. SEE -- THE MOUTH WE'LL LIES AHEAD!



INSIDE THE HUGE DRAGON'S HEAD, THE WATER CHANNEL MERGES WITH A GIANT RILL... THERE, THE DEVIANT CRAFT BEGINS TO RISE...

TAKE HER TO THE SURFACE! THE GOING SHORT!

WE DID THE BEST WE COULD, GREAT KRO...



THE UNIFORMED YESSER NO SOONER BOGS TO THE SURFACE, THAN A FORWARD HATCH OPENS AND KRO EMERGES WITH AN ARMED ESCORT.

WE'RE IN THE GOD CHAMBER! ADVANCE AND SEARCH FOR ANY SIGN OF AN ETERNAL!

REMEMBER, THEY WOULD WELCOME THE GODS, SHOULD THEY RETURN. SUCH ALLIES COULD SPELL OUR DOOM!!



ANT-MAN FALLS PREY TO THE POWERFUL PROTECTOR!

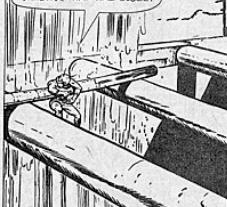
ANT-MAN!

HENRY PYM ALIGES THE ANT-MAN IS ON THE TRAIL OF THE PROTECTOR, WHO IS EXTORTING MONEY FROM JEWELLERS. THE PROTECTOR ATTACKED ANT-MAN WITH A TORRENT OF WATER, WASHING HIM TOWARDS A SEWER! GRIPPING A LOLLIPOP STICK, ANT-MAN SUMMONS HIS ANTS...

HURRY! CARRY IT TO THE SEWER--LAY IT ON THE GRATING!



WHEN WAS THAT CLOSE!



AND, A MOMENT LATER, WITH THE AID OF STILL MORE ELECTRONIC COMMANDS...

I'M SAFE! BUT I'VE LET THE PROTECTOR ESCAPE!

NOTHING LEFT TO DO NOW BUT RETURN TO THE LAB!



THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO DEFEAT THE PROTECTOR, AND THAT'S TO BAIT HIM...



...USING HENRY PYM AS THE BAIT!



SO, A WEEK LATER, THE AMAZING SCIENTIST RENTS A JEWELLERY STORE...

...SOONER OR LATER HE'S BOUND TO COME AROUND SELLING PROTECTION...AND WHEN HE DOES, I'LL BE READY FOR HIM!



THE DAYS PASS SLOWLY--FUTILELY--UNTIL ONE AFTER-NOON...

SOMEBODY JUST CAME IN...!



IT'S HIM!

MAY I HELP YOU?

NO, PAL! BUT I CAN HELP YOU!



AND AT THAT MOMENT, HENRY PYM, PRESSES A HIDDEN BUTTON! WE SHALL LEARN WHY LATER!

I'VE CALLED THE PROTECTOR! THAT'S BECAUSE I PREVENT...

WAIT!



...ACCIDENTS LIKE THIS FROM HAPPENING!





I CAN EVEN PROTECT YOU AGAINST WORSE THINGS-- LIKE HAVING YOUR PRECIOUS MERCHANDISE...



... REDUCED TO DUST!



NOW THE POINT IS, IF YOU DON'T WANT THESE AWFUL THINGS TO HAPPEN, YOU'D BETTER PAY ME THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS A WEEK! UNDERSTAND...?

Y-YES...



GOOD! AND JUST ONE MORE THING! IF YOU TELL THE COPS ABOUT THIS, I WON'T USE MY DISINTEGRATOR ON YOUR BONES-- I'LL USE IT ON YOU!!

I'LL SEE YOU NEXT WEEK! HAVE MY MONEY READY!



AS SOON AS THE PROTECTOR LEAVES, HENRY PWM RUSHES TO THE BACK OF THE SHOP AND CHANGES HIS COSTUME! THEN HE RELEASES HIS FANTASTIC REDUCING GAS.

OHAY, PROTECTOR. YOU'VE MADE YOUR MOVE! NOW I'LL MAKE MINE!



AS THE ANT-MAN RUNS TO THE DOOR, HE PASSES SOMETHING ON THE FLOOR, TOO TINY TO BE NOTED BY A NORMAL-SIZED HUMAN, BUT LARGE ENOUGH FOR HIS EYES TO SEE...

DROPS OF MACHINE OIL... RIGHT WHERE THE PROTECTOR WAS STANDING! NOW IT ALL FITS TOGETHER!



GOOD THING I WAS PREPARED FOR THE PROTECTOR! WHEN HE ENTERED THE SHOP I PRESSED A BUTTON WHICH SENT ELECTRONIC IMPULSES TO ALL THE ANTS IN THE AREA...

THEN, FOLLOWING PREARRANGED INSTRUCTIONS, A FEW ANTS CLIMBED ONTO HIS BOOT WHEN HE LEFT THE STORE...

AND WHILE THE PROTECTOR DROVE AWAY, THEY EMITTED SIGNALS THROUGH THEIR ANTENNAS, WHICH WERE PICKED UP BY OTHER ANTS IN THE STREET!



NOW ALL I HAVE TO DO IS FOLLOW THE PROTECTOR'S ELECTRONIC TRAIL, WITH MY CYBERNETIC HELMET!



THE ANTS ARE GIVING OFF STRONG IMPULSES! THE PROTECTOR MUST HAVE DRIVEN THIS WAY!



OH, OH! THE WAVES ARE GETTING WEAKER!



NOW THEY'RE STRONG AGAIN! HE MUST'VE TURNED DOWN THIS STREET!

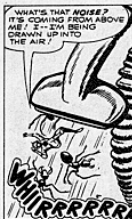


FINALLY, AN HOUR LATER... THIS VACANT OLD TENEMENT-- THAT'S WHERE HE'S HIDING! NOW TO SEND OUT ANOTHER ELECTRONIC MESSAGE!



AS SOON AS HE'S SENT THE MESSAGE, THE TINY WARRIOR GATHERS TOGETHER A FEW ANTS AND ENTERS THE OLD BUILDING...

IT'S SO DARK IN HERE, I CAN HARDLY SEE! WAIT-- I'VE STEPPED ON SOMETHING!





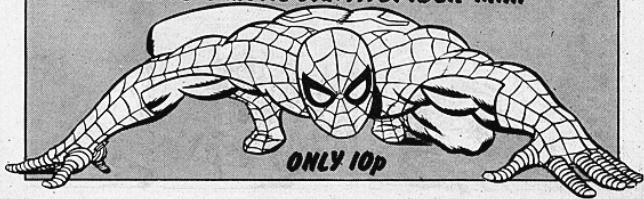
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THAT'S IT, GENTLEMEN... THREE KINGS BEATS A FLUSH... SO IF YOU'RE ALL THROUGH, IT'S BEEN A LONG NIGHT...

I GOTTA BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS GAME, DIAMOND... I NEVER BEEN LUCK LIKE YOURS...



LUCK DIDN'T FIGURE IN ACE'S GAME, HE COULD TAKE A SHUFFLED DECK AND DEAL HIMSELF THIRTEEN CONSECUTIVE CARDS OF THE SAME SUIT... WHEN THE MOOD WAS RIGHT...

YOU LITTLE PUNK! YOU GOT CARDS UP YOUR SLEEVE! YOU BEEN CHEATIN' US!

OW!



YOU BEEN TAKIN' IT OUT ON MY WALLET ALL NIGHT! NOW I'M GONNA TAKE IT OUT ON YOUR HIDE!

GULP!



AS TENSION HIT THE AIR, FAT FREDDIE GOT NERVOUS...

YOU BETTER SCRAM, FRIEND... THERE'S GONNA BE TROUBLE!



TROUBLE NEVER FRIGHTENED ME, PAL...



DON'T EVER PULL IT AGAIN, ACE!



NEXT TIME I'LL KILL YA!

UNNNH!

WHOMP!



THREE TO ONE'S A LITTLE OVER THE ODDS, WOULDN'T YOU SAY?

HUH?



WHAT?





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